

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3733
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RITLAND)	Confirmation No. 2357
)	
Serial No.: 10/776,094)	Examiner: PHILOGENE, PEDRO
)	
Filed: February 10, 2004)	<u>AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE</u>
)	
Atty. File No.: 53693-10100)	<u>(FILED ELECTRONICALLY)</u>
)	
For: "POLYAXIAL CONNECTION)	
DEVICE AND METHOD")	

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the final Office Action having a mailing date of April 23, 2008. Additionally, Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant also submits a \$60.00 one month extension fee for the filing of this Amendment and Response, thereby extending the deadline to respond to the pending Office Action to August 25, 2008 (as August 23, 2008 falls on a Saturday). Please charge any additional fees deemed necessary and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-2665.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this Amendment and Response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this Amendment and Response.